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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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14 VICTOR RENARD HARRISON,
15 Plaintiff,
16 v.
17 KILOLO KIJAKAZI,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,
18 Defendant.
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No. 1:20-cv-01558-EPG

STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER FOR
AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
PLAINTIFF'S OPENING BRIEF

(ECF No. 20)

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21 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between the parties through their respective
22 counsel of record, with the Court's approval, that Defendant's time for responding to Plaintiff's
23 Opening Brief be extended seventy-five (75) days from February 11, 2022, to April 27, 2022.
24 This is Defendant's first request for an extension. Counsel for Plaintiff has no objection to
25 Defendant's request for an extension.

26 Good cause exists for this request. Defendant respectfully requests this additional time
27 because Counsel for Defendant will be unable to devote the time required to complete
28 Defendant's response to Plaintiff's Opening Brief given the current due date. The undersigned

1 attorney has been out of the office on extended paternity leave for the past couple months and
2 returned full-time last week after unexpectedly spending an additional week out of the office
3 caring for his 3 year old son due to COVID. As this Court no doubt knows, Social Security case
4 filings in federal court increased significantly in the past year. The increased filings,
5 compounded by COVID-related delays in transcript production and attorney attrition, have
6 resulted in an increased workload and competing deadlines. Counsel for Defendant currently has
7 twenty (20) merit briefs currently due in district court cases over the next 30 days and an
8 additional eighteen (18) merit briefs currently due in district court cases in 30-60 days. Given
9 this current workload a lengthy extension until April 27, 2022 should provide an opportunity for
10 the undersigned Counsel for Defendant to complete the response to Plaintiff's Opening Brief.
11 Furthermore, a reassignment of this matter to another staff attorney is currently not tenable given
12 the high volume of cases that all of our limited staff (due to leave and resignations) is handling.
13 Counsel apologizes to the Court for any inconvenience caused by this delay. All other dates in
14 the Court's Scheduling Order shall be extended accordingly.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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19 DATE: January 24, 2022

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23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Attorneys for Plaintiff

25 DATE: January 24, 2022

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ORDER

Pursuant to the parties' stipulation (ECF No. 20), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant shall file and serve a Responsive Brief by April 27, 2022. All remaining deadlines in the Scheduling Order (ECF No. 5) are extended accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **January 25, 2022**

/s/ Eric P. Gray
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE